

What is claimed is:

1. An image correction apparatus which corrects an image based on preference of a user, comprising:

5 a user preference obtaining unit outputting images at two or more correction levels as corrected images for (a given image), and allowing a user to select a preferred corrected image; and

10 a image correction unit correcting an image to be corrected which is different from (the given image) based on a selection result from the user.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

15 said given image~~s~~ are a plurality of images, and said user preference obtaining unit outputs images at two or more correction levels corresponding to the plurality of given images to allow the user to select preferred corrected images.

20 3. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

said plurality of given images are different in type, and said user preference obtaining unit allows the user to selects preferred corrected image corresponding to each type.

4. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said given image is stored in advance in an  
image correction unit as an image of quality  
generally preferred by a large number of users.

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5. The apparatus according to claim 1, further  
comprising

a user specified image input unit receiving a  
user specified image as the given image.

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6. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said user preference obtaining unit requests a  
user to input a user identifier for identification  
of the user, and allows each user to select a  
preferred corrected image.

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7. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:  
said user preference obtaining unit prints and  
outputs images at two or more correction level; and

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said apparatus further comprises a image  
printing unit printing and outputting an image to  
be corrected which has actually been corrected by  
said image correction unit.

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8. An image correction apparatus which corrects

an image based on preference of a user, comprising:

a user corrected image obtaining unit outputting a predetermined image, and allowing a user to correct the output image; and

5 an image correction unit correcting an image to be corrected which is different from the predetermined image based on an correction result of the user.

10 9. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said predetermined images are a plurality of images, and said user corrected image obtaining unit allows a user to correct each of the plurality of output images.

15 10. The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said plurality of predetermined images are images of different types, and said user corrected image obtaining unit allows a user to correct each  
20 of the images of the different types.

11. The apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising

25 a user specified image input unit receiving a user specified image as the predetermined image.

12. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein  
an image of quality generally preferred by a  
large number of users is stored in said image  
5 correction apparatus.

13. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein  
said user corrected image obtaining unit  
requests a user to input an identifier for  
10 identification of the user, and allows each user to  
correct an output image.

14. The apparatus according to claim 8, further  
comprising  
15 a user corrected image printing unit  
performing a trial printing process at an  
instruction of a user on an correction result  
obtained from the predetermined output image.

20 15. An image correcting method for correcting an  
image based on preference of a user, comprising:  
outputting images at two or more correction  
levels as corrected images for a given image, and  
allowing a user to select a preferred corrected  
25 image; and

correcting an image to be corrected which is different from the given image based on a selection result from the user.

- 5      16. An image correcting method for correcting an image based on preference of a user, comprising:

outputting a predetermined image, and allowing a user to correct the output image; and

- 10      correcting an image to be corrected which is different from the predetermined image based on an correction result of the user.

- 15      17. A computer-readable storage medium storing a program used to direct a computer to perform the steps of:

outputting a predetermined image, and allowing a user to correct the output image; and

- 20      correcting an image to be corrected which is different from the predetermined image based on an correction result of the user.

18. An image correction apparatus which corrects an image based on preference of a user, comprising:

- 25      user preference obtaining means for outputting images at two or more correction levels as

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